

Recycling Committee Minutes
Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 5pm
Small Meeting Room

Members Present:

Gary Senecal
Lee Bartell
Molly Chapman
Rick Leary
Alicia Couture
Amy Hackworth

1. May 18, 2021 minutes approved.
2. Meeting opened with a detailed discussion of the swap shop reopening. After a thorough cleaning/tidying/organizing, it is ready. A minimum of three volunteers is needed (Lee and Rick volunteered). Silvio will do a Q&A on a link. Hours and dates are set.
3. July's newsletter will focus on metal/metal cans.
4. A discussion followed on composting updates. Alicia had called Black Earth for more information. Silvio has concerns about the recycling committee being an advisory group - we don't have the authority to implement programs ourselves (i.e., a town-wide composting initiative). Rick wondered if there is the possibility of an outside composting hauler working in Eastham if enough families sign on. There are no Board of Health policies/regulations on this. Gary attended a conference and learned more haulers might be coming to the Cape - Recycle Works, Table to Farm and Vanguard Renewables. We might contact farms in Wellfleet and Truro to see if they might need compost. Alicia wants to include restaurants and schools. Turns out a large portion of full-time Eastham residents do not use the transfer station.
5. The plastic water bottle ban comes into effect in September. We should put out an announcement to the business community. Gary will work with the Chamber of Commerce.
6. The town has plans to put in six to seven water refilling stations among others at First Encounter, Wiley Park, Town Hall and Visitors Center. There is an organization - Refill Cape Cod Working group - for the Outer Cape that will have goggle maps and decals in businesses that offer to refill containers.
7. The Visitors brochure is done and Silvio will print. It will be distributed around the town.
8. Gary will attend a sustainability and outreach program and hopefully write an article for the P-Town Independent.
9. The Climate Action committee will work with us on projects and help maintain a stream of communication. The possibility of grants was briefly discussion.
10. No meeting in July.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Hackworth, Clerk

